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### Comparing Hinduism and Judaism

Hinduism and Judaism are two of the world's most prominent religions. Each one has a different father or creator they believe in. They have provided the fundamentalism to other religions from all over the world. Both originated in the Eastern world and have been around for centuries. This essay is designed to compare them and show all the similarities and differences. It is to give insight to how they function and what they have contributed to the ancient and modern worlds.

Judaism and Hinduism each have their own sacred books. The sacred book for Judaism is the Torah. Jews believe in only one god, and Judaism was the first monotheist religion created. Now known as the Bible, the Torah teaches about God's work, the works of Jesus, and our salvation from the consequences of sin. The sacred texts of Hinduism are the Vedas. Unlike Judaism, Hinduism is a polytheist religion; Hindus believe in many

gods (and goddesses). Hindus believe that actions caused karma and add to or subtract from your *atma*, or soul.

The origins of Judaism and Hinduism have similarities as well. Judaism began when God told a man named Abram to move from Mesopotamia to the “Promised Land,” promising that if they kept his laws, Abram and his descendants would create a great nation. Abram, whose name was later changed to Abraham, had a son named Isaac, and Isaac later had two sons named Jacob and Esau. Jacob was later renamed Israel, and his descendants became known as Israelites. How Hinduism began is often disputed. Some say that Indo-Aryan groups came from Central Asia and created Vedic culture, others say that it came from exchange between Indo-Aryans and Dravidians, and still others insist that Vedic culture evolved within the Sub-continent.

Judaism and Hinduism are both prominent in Asia, but they are used mainly in different countries. Judaism is practiced mostly in Israel. People go to the Wailing Wall to say prayer and put letters in the cracks. Most of the cities in Israel, such as its capital, Jerusalem, have taken their names from the Bible. The Virgin Mary exists as a statue and is regarded as the Mother of our Savior. People in Israel keep kosher and do not eat pork. Hinduism is practiced mainly in India but had has influence on the Western

World. Hinduism is done often by fasting and by worship. However, Judaism has spread worldwide more than Hinduism has, and most people have accepted the God of Israel as the only true existing God.

All in all, Judaism and Israel have several similarities and differences. They are both practiced in Asia, they have founders and texts, and they have ethics for people to go by. However, they have different numbers of gods they believe in, they have different stories of origin, and they are practiced in different nations. As two of the world's most prominent religions, they have show people around the world the importance of deism. It is here that I close my essay by saying that there are several books you can read on each of them.

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